



The Back Story on Monday Muses (from the first Monday Muse post, January 2009):
There is so much I want to do, create, explore. So much. But usually all I do is dishes and laundry. All I create are marginally nutritious meals for my family, and all I explore is the next poopy diaper. Does it sound like I'm in a rut? I am.

SO to inspire me...and maybe you..I have decided to begin Monday Muse. There are a lot of talented people out there on the www...some, perhaps more than some, are crazy as well, but talented – yes.

I want their talent, and the time they manage to find to devote to their talent, to stir up the creative instincts in my soul (or at least kick my competitive backside into gear...after all, if so and so can find the time to indulge their inner artist/writer/poet/scrapbooker/photographer/painter/chef/dancer/fancy drink maker...then why the hell can't I?)

Here are the questions to fill in at your leisure – answer as many as you like & ignore those you don't feel like answering (if you can send this back to me by Sunday night, awesome! Feel free to email me at theoriginaldramamama@gmail.com) For my post, I plan to include a review of R&R as well along with a link to buy the book and a link to your blog.

Obviously, you are a mom with a career and yet managed to publish a book – so you're doing something right! So, first question – what are 3 things you do that help you find time to devote to your passion(s)?

What are some of the biggest obstacles/challenges you face to get that time?

If there was an extra day each week just for you, let's call it "Meday," how would you spend it?

When you write, do you do it in a linear fashion – or in bits and pieces all over the place, as the story comes to you?

What is one thing you think you do a damn fine job at as a writer?

What element of writing do you really struggle with?

So many authors describe a scene or a moment, a character or a conversation – that became the impetus for a book – do you have something like that for *Rakes & Radishes*? (What was it is the implied question here) ;)

Favorite place to be when you write?

Aside from writing, other passions / artistic outlets you like to indulge:

Wine: red or white?

Chocolate: milk or dark?

3 of your favorite authors:

3 books you hope to read this year:

What song would probably have the biggest play count on your ipod (or comparable listening device)?

E-readers: love 'em, hate 'em, or meh?
(additional comments and thoughts welcome)

Quality you admire in yourself:

Quality you wish you had:

1 goal for 2011: